

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 6, 2009

Mayor Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Dean Mathis from First Christian Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by a boy scout from Troop 555.
- C. Roll Call: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Martha Myers, Joseph Richardson, and Priscilla Scalf were present. James Lienhoop was absent.
- D. Acceptance of Minutes: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on December 2, 2008. Joseph Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.1, 2009, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN FOR PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.” (Joli Development) Jeff Bergman presented this Item A. and Item B. together because they are on the same property and related issues. Jeff recapped the Wildflowers Subdivision and gave a power point presentation. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.1, 2009, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” (Joli Development) Jeff Bergman - There was brief discussion. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2009, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “RS-3” (SINGLE –FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO “RMc” (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WITH CONDITIONS).” (Hickory Investors) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. Jeff indicated the Columbus Plan Commission met on December 3, 2008 and reviewed the application for rezoning for approximately 10.18 acres to be rezoned located to the south of the Indiana Department of Transportation maintenance facility on the west side of I-65, southeast of Two Mile House Road. The Plan Commission forwarded this application with a favorable recommendation by a vote of 9 in favor and 0 opposed. The Plan Commission did recommend the condition that the development of the property include a 100% opaque 6 foot tall fence along the south property line. This condition was requested by adjoining property owners and agreed upon by the applicant. Jeff indicated several residents spoke regarding the rezoning and their concerns with buffering. The fencing condition satisfied their concerns. Jeff presented a power point presentation on the property. Brief discussion followed. George Dutro

moved to place in proper channels. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.2, 2009, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE 2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” Jeff Bergman asked that the budget item being a replacement vehicle approved as a B priority item in 2008 budget be approved to an "A" item. He indicated that he wishes to encumber the money as the bidder had already been identified. Brief discussion followed. George Dutro moved to approve. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.3, 2009, RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2009 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITIES.” Police Chief Jim Worton asked that his “B” priority items for police cars in his 2009 be approved. He indicated he presented his request at the budget hearing for new police cars that would be purchased under a lease/purchase agreement payable over the period of five (5) years. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Resolution. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 2, 2009, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO MAKE TEMPORARY LOANS TO MEET CURRENT RUNNING EXPENSES FOR THE USE OF THE GENERAL FUND OF THE ISSUER, IN ANTICIPATION OF AND NOT IN EXCESS OF CURRENT TAXES LEVIED IN THE YEAR 2008, AND COLLECTABLE IN THE YEAR 2009 (INCLUDING PROPERTY TAX REPLACEMENT REVENUES.” Clerk Treasurer Brenda Sullivan presented this Ordinance. She indicated that because past property tax billings have been delayed in prior years, she felt it necessary to procure a loan with the Indiana Bond Bank in case 2009 had a delayed tax billing. She indicated if there was a delayed billing in property tax, the city of Columbus would have a cash shortfall and she wished to avoid that situation. She indicated the Indiana Bond Bank was able to include the city of Columbus in its borrowing even though the process for 2009 should have been started the end of 2008. She asked that, if possible, the City Council consider this Ordinance in one reading. Brenda Sullivan passed out a hand-out of the estimated cash flow for 2009 indicating the months of the possible shortfall.

Discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to suspend the rules and pass on first reading. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Mayor Armstrong indicated to the City Council that Items E., F., and G. had been postponed until this meeting. He indicated they needed to be postponed again but would be heard at the January 20, 2009 meeting. Martha Myers moved to postpone Items E., F., and G. until January 20, 2009. Joseph Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- E. Public hearing of preliminary determination to issue general obligation bonds to finance construction of a portion of Downtown Project known as Commons Mall. (postponed)

- F. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.____, 2009, A RESOLUTION MAKING A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION TO ISSUE BONDS.” Terry Coriden, Tom Vujovich, and Ed Curtin (postponed)
- G. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2008, ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY FOR CERTAIN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND ON ACCOUNT OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.” Terry Coriden, Tom Vujovich, and Ed Curtin (postponed)

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Clerk-Treasurer’s Fund Report.
- C. Next regular scheduled meeting will be January 20, 2009 at 6:00 o’clock P.M.
- D. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 o’clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer